REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following species of the claimed invention:

- 1) Species I to Figure 1;
- 2) Species II to Figure 2;
- 3) Species III to Figure 3;
- 4) Species IV to Figure 4;
- 5) Species V to Figure 5;
- 6) Species VI to Figure 6;
- 7) Species VII to Figure 7a;
- 8) Species VIII to Figure 7b; and
- 9) Species IX to Figure 7c (sic).

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species I.

Applicant identifies claims 1 to 8, 13, 17 and 18 as being directed to the elected Species. Thus, Applicants have withdrawn herein without prejudice claims 9 to 12, 14 to 16 and 19.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

FEES

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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